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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. U. ALEXIS JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN  
SPECIAL GROUP (COUNTERINSURGENCY)

SUBJECT: Review of Counterinsurgency Programs, Venezuela

1. The current intensification of Communist pressures in Venezuela, coupled with the President's assurances to Sr. Betancourt of our determination to support this government, suggest that it may be desirable to review the counterinsurgency effort which we are pursuing on behalf of that country.

2. What I have in mind is less a progress report on existing programs than an over-all appraisal, by each Special Group Member, of the Venezuela situation as seen from the viewpoint of his agency. Finally, I suggest that each appraisal should conclude with recommendations for change where, in the view of the member, change is indicated in the magnitude of intensity of any of our programs.

JCS review(s)  
completed.

*Maxwell D. Taylor*  
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Memo for Mr. Knoche:

Attached is a memorandum from General Taylor to Secretary Johnson which is self-explanatory, and I think my note at the bottom is also self-explanatory. Please check these out with Tom Davis, the Secretary, and take appropriate action accordingly.

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Executive Director w/cy att

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